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LOCAL NEWS.

THURSDAY, JAN. 14, 1897.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## Announcement to Merchants.

To the Merchants of Eastern North Carolina:

We announce that we are now ready to fill your orders for mattresses, having a large stock on hand, and all made in the latest Boston shops. We are the largest manufacturers in the State, and do claim to give you the best Double Cotton Top Mattress, in fancy and plain blue ticking, ever offered before. We have special freight arrangements to all points. Orders filled the day they are received. Order early, as they will be higher.

Very truly,  
Halifax, N. C. HALE BROS.

## Heaters Below Cost.

Before you buy a Stove or Wilson Heater be sure to call on us as we are closing them out at less than cost.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO

## Pay Your Taxes.

For all State and County Taxes not paid in Scotland Neck and Concoanara townships by January 25, 1897, property will be advertised and sold.

C. W. DUNN,  
Jan. 13, 1897. Deputy Sheriff.

## Big Bargains at the Milinery.

All felt hats, trimmed and untrimmed, at and below cost. Colored silks and velvets at cost 25c, and up. The only store in town that keeps the celebrated R. & G. corset, 50c. to \$1.50. Black and colored kid gloves \$1.00 to \$1.50 per pair.

Headquarters for stamped goods and embroidery silks.  
MRS. W. H. WHITE.  
Jan. 11, '97.

## Special Notice!

Those persons who have not paid their assessment for the past year towards keeping Trinity Parish Cemetery will please do so as soon as possible, as I have paid out the money for the work and now need it to pay my debts.

W. J. SMITH.

## Chickens and Eggs.

Bring me all your chickens and eggs. Will pay highest market prices.

A. VAUGHAN.  
Post Office Building,  
Scotland Neck, N. C. 7 14 1m

## Cotton Seed Exchange.

I will exchange, as at the mills, one ton of cotton seed meal for two tons of cotton seed. Meal and hulls for sale cheap.

R. J. MADRY,  
Scotland Neck, N. C.

## Pretty Wall Papers!

We can supply you with any and all kinds of Wall Paper in the latest and prettiest designs, at astonishingly low prices. It is direct from the great manufacturers, United States Wall Paper Co., of Cincinnati, and is the latest and most up-to-date paper on the market.

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I have a Christmas supply of Raisins, Fruits and Citron. Seedless Raisins 15c. per pound. Other Raisins 10c. N. B. JOSEY.

Rice's famous Goose Grease Liniment for the cure of all aches and pains, croup, colds, &c. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Wholesale Agents, Scotland Neck, N. C. 12 17 3m

## Governor's Proclamation.

\$150.00 REWARD.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Whereas, official information has been received at this Department that Jeff Davis, colored, late of the County of Halifax stands charged with the murder of one Spain. And Whereas, it appears that the said Jeff Davis has fled the State, or so conceals himself that the ordinary process of law can not be served upon him:

Now, therefore, I, Elias Carr, Governor of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of authority in me vested by law, do issue this my proclamation, offering a reward of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Jeff Davis to the Sheriff of Halifax County at the Court-house in Halifax and I do enjoin all officers of the State and all good citizens to assist in bringing said criminal to justice.

Done at our City of Raleigh, the 6th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven and in the one hundred and twenty-first year of our American Independence.

By the Governor:  
S. F. TELFAIR, Private Secretary.  
DESCRIPTION:

Jeff Davis is 5 feet, ten inches high, weighs about 175 pounds and has an old bullet wound on right cheek bone.

Arbuckle Ariosto Coffee for 20 cents.  
HARRILL & SHERROD.

## THE SOCIAL SWIM.

Coming and Going Every Week.

Rev. W. J. Smith went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. N. Biggs went to Richmond Tuesday.

Mr. W. P. Gray of Edgemont was in town last week.

Mr. O. Williams, Jr., of Tarboro was in town this week.

Mr. S. C. Bellamy of Enfield was here Tuesday.

Mr. J. E. Woolard went to Washington last week on a visit.

Mr. Walter Dunn of Enfield section was here Tuesday.

Mr. F. W. Gregory of Crowells spent a day in town last week.

Miss Leola Shaw of Littleton is visiting the family of Mr. Wilson Allsbrook.

Mr. G. Lamb went to Henderson last week to visit his brother, Mr. G. C. Lamb.

Mr. Thos. S. Norfleet of Roxobel was in town shaking hands with his friends last week.

Mr. Claude Kitchin went to Weldon last week to sit as referee in an important case.

Mrs. G. Hoffman returned Monday from a visit to her relatives at Petersburg.

Mrs. H. F. Harris came up from Greenville last week to visit her son Mr. Jas. L. Harris.

Mrs. E. L. Butts and children of Pulaski, Va., are here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. M. E. Whitehead.

Mrs. G. W. Coughenour returned Monday from a visit to friends at Roanoke Rapids.

Capt. W. H. Kitchin went to Raleigh Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons.

Mr. Isaac N. Neal returned a few days ago from the western part of the State where he has been teaching.

Mr. S. W. Edwards returned a few days ago from a visit to Virginia. He says that crops there were very poor.

Mr. W. B. Highsmith has moved from near Scotland Neck below Palmyra where he has purchased property.

Maj. P. St. George Barrard of Richmond came Friday and remained until Tuesday on a visit to Mrs. Barrard's people.

Mrs. Salebury returned to her home in Hamilton Monday after several days visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Harrell.

Mrs. Chas. McNaughton returned to her home at Everetts last week after some weeks' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Joyner.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Cohoon of Everetts spent a few days here last week visiting Mrs. Cohoon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Harrell.

Miss Bia Hardy who has been here in Vine Hill female academy for some time left for her home in Goldsboro yesterday.

Mr. R. L. Humber of Greenville has been here this week doing some work on the machinery in THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

Mr. J. W. Leggett has moved from his place in Greenwood back to his farm near Palmyra. Mrs. Hodges, widow of the late William Hodges, has moved to Mr. Leggett's place in town.

Miss Daisy Jenkins of Spring Hill has gone to Bule's Creek Academy in Harnett county. She has a good number of good people and THE COMMONWEALTH charges them take good care of Miss Daisy, which we know they will do.

Card of Thanks.

I take this method of thanking the public for their kind attention and assistance during the illness of my mother-in-law, Mrs. Mills.

J. W. BOONE.

Stewards' Meeting.

The District Stewards' meeting of the Warrenton District for the Methodist Episcopal church South, was held in Weldon last week. Apportionments were made for the different churches in the District for all objects that come before the Conference except pastors' salaries and expenses of delegates to the general Conference.

The whole amount apportioned for the various objects which are kept up by the Conference was \$6,736.85.

Will have in some nice ladies shoes in a few days.

HARRILL & SHERROD.

Death of Mrs. Dennis Simmons.

Mrs. Dennis Simmons, whose sickness was mentioned in our Williamson correspondence last week, died at her home in Williamson Wednesday morning.

The remains were taken to Plymouth for interment Wednesday.

Mrs. Simmons was a most excellent lady, refined, cultured and an earnest and devoted member of the Episcopal church.

The many friends of Mr. Simmons throughout Eastern North Carolina and elsewhere, deeply sympathize with him in his bereavement in which THE COMMONWEALTH heartily joins.

## Written for THE COMMONWEALTH.

TO MY BROTHER.

MRS. FLORA E. ROSEMAN, VENI, N. C.

Do not falter, dearest brother, Though life's trials gather fast, Boldly walk in duty's pathway, Be thou faithful to the last. You will often find obstructions, As you journey on through life, For the tempter's ever ready To fill up your way with strife.

Don't forget that youth is tender, Easy to be led astray By the many brilliant offers That the world holds out to-day. Only be thou firm and steadfast, Holding out your armor bright As a signal for the spoiler Of the honored sons of light.

Be thou true and faithful, brother, To the dear, kind ones at home; May be, in the distant future When stern Fate has made you roam That your thoughts will wander backward To the place that gave you birth, For the childhood's home, though humble, Is the dearest home on earth.

Though among the sweetest flowers You find thorns to wound your feet, Know thou, in the pilgrim's journey Many, many thorns we'll meet. Let your daily words be truthful, Never falter in the act— "Keep your hand upon the throttle And your eyes upon the track."

## ENFIELD JOTTINGS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

ENFIELD, N. C., Jan. 2, '95.

Great demand for dwellings. Many new comers and all the houses are taken. Jno. Etheridge has moved to the house vacated by Rev. W. L. Harris, and there are several other changes.

John Bumpass, of one of our oldest families, died Sunday morning, having been sick about two weeks. He had been a consistent member of the church about twenty-five years.

Mrs. Thompson of Goldsboro is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Pike. She is accompanied by Miss Holland.

Mr. C. A. Williams of Ringwood was in town this week.

Mr. White, the popular clerk of Randolph & Co., has left here for Tillery, much to the regret of our people.

Dr. Frank Dennis and wife, of Atlanta, after spending the holidays with their relatives here, have returned to their home.

Miss Lizzie Saunders has returned to her home at Danville, Va.

The boys and girls have returned to the different schools, after spending Christmas at home—Misses Mary Collins, Jessie and Ruby Whitaker to the State Normal School, Greensboro; Rescoe Barnhill, Ira and May Wood to Oak Ridge; Henry Collins to Chapel Hill.

Mr. John Benton killed a hog fifteen months old that weighed 320 pounds.

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Emancipation Celebration.

On the first day of January the colored people of this place held Emancipation Celebration, commemorating their freedom. There was not a large crowd of visitors present, but a good crowd of home people was present.

The exercises of the day consisted in the reading of the Scriptures, songs, essays and the reading of the emancipation proclamation.

They elected officers as follows: President, Guilford Johnson; vice-President, C. P. Anthony; secretary, T. M. Shields; treasurer, T. J. Johnson.

The meeting was called together at night and Rev. J. W. Pope of Rich Square gave an interesting lecture which received pleasant mention by those who heard it.

The occasion was one of special interest to the colored people and they are to be commended for the conservatism which marked their deportment.

Prosperous Warren County Farmer.

The following from the Warrenton Record indicates that at least some farmers in Warren are prosperous:

"A well known farmer of our county, who wears rather shabby clothes, but whose face betokens the clever, kind hearted old planter of ante-bellum days that he is, was seen to be knocking about town the other day and especially around the bank. After sitting around for some time, and supposing no one was looking he timidly drew up to the cashier, Mr. J. M. Gardner, and told him he had a little money and wished to know if he thought it would be safe for him to put it in the bank. The cashier informed him that he thought it would be, supposing the old gentleman had some fifty or a hundred dollars that he wished to put aside for a rainy day during 1897, but the old gentleman pulled out old pocket books and sock legs all he piled up \$1200, and asked that it be placed in his credit. Does this look like hard times?"

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Does not necessarily mean the contraction of disease provided the system is in a vigorous condition, with the blood pure and all the organs in healthy action. When in such a condition contagion is readily resisted and the disease germs can find no lodgement. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine to build up the system because it makes pure, rich blood and pure blood is the basis of good health. In cold weather it is especially necessary to keep up the health tone because the body is subject to greater exposure and more liable to disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the safeguard of health.

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Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Write JOHN W. WOODWARD & CO., Patent Attorneys, 112 N. C. for their \$1.00 paper.

## Snagging Fishing Creek.

The Tarboro Southerner says: "Snagging Fishing Creek has been going on now for nearly two weeks by one of the Government boats and nearly a mile of that stream has been cleared of logs and overhanging trees. The other boat has been delayed here waiting for a new boiler, which Capt. Bell will out in place immediately upon its arrival. By February, it is not sooner, the creek will be open to navigation as far up as Mabrey's bridge."

## Scrofula

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## NORFOLK MARKET.

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NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 14, 1896.

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Good Middling..... 7 1/2

St. Middling..... 7 1/2

S. L. Middling..... 7 3/4

Middling..... 7

Low Middling..... 7

PEANUTS STEADY.

Fancy..... 2 1/2

St. Prime..... 2 1/2

Prime..... 2 1/2

Spanish..... 90 to 95

B. E. Beans per bag \$1.50.

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